

Moran: 'Too Much Spending, Not Enough Stimulus'

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran made the following statement today regarding his opposition to the \$825 billion economic spending bill, H.R. 1. The bill passed the House today by a vote of 244 to 188.

"Congress spends and borrows too much money - money that we don't have," Moran said. "As usual, Members have put everything they want to spend money on into this legislation and slapped a 'stimulus' label on it. This bill started out as an infrastructure bill, whereas now, infrastructure and transportation only encompass between seven to eight percent of the entire spending bill. The bulk of the money would fund projects and programs that simply would not stimulate the economy; some are unnecessary and wasteful. This \$825 billion bill is too much spending and not enough accountability.

"An effective stimulus bill would encourage job, business and economic growth. An appropriate package would consist of a mix of infrastructure investments and targeted tax reductions. It would include an energy policy and affordable health care. It would spur a stronger economy and get people to work.

"Americans are struggling and the economy needs help. The President and Congress

must work together on behalf of workers, families and businesses to find an effective solution. Congress needs to be more fiscally disciplined and we cannot continue 'business as usual.'"

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